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1. GLIGA TOLD AMBASSADOR THIS MORNING THAT IN LIGHT OF AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST APRIL 18 THAT GOR RECONSIDER ITS DECISION TO DENY ENTRY TO MALCOLM BROWNE, FOREIGN MINISTRY HAD TAKEN THE QUESTION UP WITH "COMPETENT AUTHORITIES" WHO HAD AGREED TO REVERSE DECISION. GLIGA WENT ON TO SAY GOR HOPED THAT WHEN MR. BROWNE RETURNED TO ROMANIA HE WOULD CONCENTRATE ON OBJECTIVE EXAMINATION OF ROMANIAN REALITIES. GLIGA ADDED THAT GOR WAS NOT SEEKING "PRAISE" FOR WHAT GOES ON IN ROMANIA BUT THOUGHT IT FAIR TO EXPECT THE SORT OF OBJECTIVITY WHICH SHOULD BE PART OF ANY JOURNALISTS' PROFESSIONAL CODE OF BEHAVIOR. IN RESPONSE TO AMBASSADOR'S QUESTION REGARDING WHETHER GOR ABLE TO GUARANTEE BROWNE'S SECURITY (REF B) GLIGA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT SINCE VISA HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED FOR BROWNE, ROMANIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD OF COURSE EXTEND TO HIM ALL NORMAL FACILITIES.

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2. AMBASSADOR THANKED GLIGA FOR GOR'S SPEEDY RE-CONSIDERATION OF BROWNE'S SITUATION BUT SAID HE DID NOT KNOW JUST HOW SOON BROWNE WOULD BE WANTING TO VISIT ROMANIA AGAIN IN VIEW OF HIS LEAVE PLANS. AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT THE US WAS ALSO OF COURSE IN FAVOR OF OBJECTIVE JOURNALISM AND FELT THAT THE BEST WAY TO

ASSURE THIS WAS TO PROVIDE WIDEST POSSIBILITY
FACILITIES TO JOURNALISTS. AT THE SAME TIME WE FELT
IT IMPORTANT TO BEAR THIS PRINCIPLE IN MIND EVEN
THOUGH FROM TIME TO TIME ONE COUNTRY OR ANOTHER
MIGHT NOT LIKE ALL THAT A GIVEN JOURNALIST WOULD
WRITE. AMBASSADOR ALSO USED OCCASION TO MENTION TO
GLIGA THAT WE HAD HAD INQUIRIES FROM OTHER AMERICAN
JOURNALISTS INCLUDING MURRAY SEEGER, WHO HAD BEEN CRITICIZED
IN ROMANIA MEDIA, AND HAD TOLD THEM OF GLIGA'S EARLIER
ASSURANCES REGARDING FACILITATION OF JOURNALISTS'
VISITS.

3. WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S LETTERING US KNOW WHEN
BROWNE EXPECTS TO MAKE NEXT VISIT TO ROMANIA. ALTHOUGH
JOURNALISTS NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN ENTRY VISA, WE FEEL
THAT IN VIEW OF THIS WHOLE EPISODE AT LEAST FOR HIS
NEXT VISIT BROWNE SHOULD COME EQUIPPED WITH ROMANIAN
ENTRY VISA, IF ONLY TO ALERT GOR TO HIS TRAVEL PLANS.
WE WOULD WANT TO SAY SOMETHING IN ANY EVENT OURSELVES
AHEAD OF TIME.
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